

PRELIMINARY PLAN

The previous section of this report has been concerned with statistical or quantitative requirements for the downtown of the future. The design of the Preliminary Plan must take these statistical requirements and create a new atmosphere based on the major function of the downtown area. The design should result in a planned downtown area which is more efficient and more beautiful than the present area.

The design plan for Downtown Shelby envisions a series of improvements over a long period of time - up through 1985. Because of this length of time, an intermediate plan is also presented so that possible stage development might be shown. This intermediate stage plan presents the downtown area as it might appear over the next five to ten years.

CIRCULATION

AUTOMOBILE CIRCULATION

The map on page 32 indicates the proposed major automobile circulation in the downtown area. Traffic coming into the downtown area is routed along a proposed central business district loop consisting of Dekalb, Sumter, Morgan and Graham Streets. More detailed information on automobile circulation can be found in the Traffic and Parking Study of the Shelby Central Business District.

SERVICE CIRCULATION

In the preliminary design plan it is proposed that trucks bringing shipments to downtown stores use the central business district loop as the major circulation system and enter service roads or collector points close to their destination. Because of the general nature of the design plan, the detailed service requirements of each store are not considered, but the proposed general principal is for truck service to the rear of stores with a minimum amount of automobile and pedestrian conflict. In the areas of the plan where shops are "double fronted" and have rear shopper entrances, it might be desirable or even necessary to limit the hours when service vehicles are allowed to early morning and evening time. This would help eliminate the conflict between the shopper and the service vehicles.